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REMARKS

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Between 26 April to 12 May 1953, the Artillerie Kaserne in Eberswalde was occupied by only a rear detail of about 200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The Schuetzen Kaserne was occupied as previously by the headquarters and troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia, and black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. Field exercises, training in firing and the laying of cables was observed. Eight 57-mm AT guns were seen in the installation, and a truck towing a 37-mm AA gun, armored personnel carrier and 9 M-13

rocket launchers were seen leaving the installation.

Two 37-mm AA guns were in the AAA emplacement east of the installation. The bulk of the troops seen in the camp on Breitscheid Strasse wore black-bordered black epaulets and a few red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles

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were seen en route to the camp. At 1:15 p.m. on 26 April, a shipment of 24 trucks, 12 pontoons, 3 assault boats and about 200 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets was seen passing through the Eberswalde railroad station, coming from the south and proceeding northward.

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From 30 April to 14 May, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied by a rear detail of about 200 troops; and the Schuetzen Kaserne was occupied by about 2,300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia, and blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. Troops observed received instruction on rocket launchers and 80-mm mortars, and practiced the laying of cables.

Prior to 14 May, the camp on Breitscheid Strasse was occupied by about 220 troops wearing black-bordered black, blue-bordered black and red-bordered black epaulets.

Four 85-mm AA guns were in the AAA emplacement at Westend.

Military shipments passing the Eberswalde railroad station included a shipment of 5 assault boats, 2 generators, and 2 JS tanks, escorted by 12 soldiers wearing red-

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bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, coming from the south and proceeding northward, at 2 p.m. on 28 April;<sup>2</sup> and a shipment of 4 boxcarloads of ammunition escorted by 5 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, coming from Wulkow and proceeding to Frankfurt/Oder-border, at 6 a.m. on 30 April. Shipments bound for repair shop Seiffert included T-34 [ ] on 9 May; 2 T-34 tanks from Templin, on 11 May; and 2 boxcars carrying gun spare parts, and 2 x 57-mm AT guns from Frankfurt/Oder to Fuerstenberg via Eberswalde, at 5 p.m. on 13 May.

1. [ ] Comment. The information indicates no changes in the occupation of the two barracks installations over the preceding report by [ ]  
[ ]. The camp on Breitscheid Strasse, however, appears to be again occupied by the known signal unit, probably of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army, which, in February and March, had been absent from its quarters.
2. [ ] Comment. The train observed on 2 April carried units of the 3d Engr Regt of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army which [ ] went to Templin.  
[ ] The train on 28 April may have also carried units of this regiment. In this case, however, the regiment must be assigned tanks, which have not been observed with army engineer regiments previously.

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